

REMARKS

1. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Examiner's comments which have greatly assisted Applicant in responding.

2. The Examiner stated that the reconsideration has been considered but does not place the application in condition for allowance because: as set forth in the last Office action the references of record teach the claimed invention including "always showing a condition path in said display" as specified in the claims. The Examiner further stated that "In contrast to the applicant's argument Fig. 1 does show a condition path (see Fig. 1)."

Applicant respectfully disagrees. Fig. 1 does **not** show a condition path.

Support can be found in the Specification, on page 4, lines 4-5, as follows (emphasis added):

The sequence of conditions that must be met in order to reach any segment in the strategy is the condition path.

Specifically, in Fig. 1, the condition, "ReissueReviewPoint in [2,4]" is not shown in Fig. 1, as it is in Fig. 2 of the claimed invention.

Further, Applicant respectfully points out to the Examiner that Applicant was arguing that the claimed invention **always** shows the condition path, which none of the prior art of reference do.

Therefore, neither Fig. 1 nor any of the other prior art of references meet the limitation showing a condition path.

Nevertheless, for the purposes of further clarifying the claimed invention only, Applicant has amended the independent claims by including the description "on screen".

Accordingly, Applicant is of the opinion that the patent application is in allowable condition.

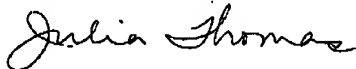
3. It should be appreciated that Applicant has elected to amend the Claims solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process in a manner consistent with the

PTO's Patent Business Goals, 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (9/8/00). In making such amendment, Applicant has not and does not in any way narrow the scope of protection to which Applicant considers the invention herein to be entitled. Rather, Applicant reserves Applicant's right to pursue such protection at a later point in time and merely seeks to pursue protection for the subject matter presented in this submission.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant considers the present invention to be distinguished from the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the Examiner's withdrawal of the rejections raised in the above referenced Office Action, such that a Notice of Allowance is forwarded to Applicant, and the present application is therefore allowed to issue as a United States patent. The Examiner is invited to call to discuss the response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1445.

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